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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, SF, BC, LT, WZ

SUBJECT: PETTY APARTHEID EASED AT MASERU/SOUTH AFRICA BORDER POST

REF: CAPE TOWN 544

1. "WHITE" AND "NON-WHITE" SIGNS HAVE INDEED BEEN REMOVED FROM BORDER POST AT MASERU BRIDGE, FROM BOTH PASSPORT WINDOWS AND TOILETS. SIGNS WERE TAKEN DOWN QUIETLY ABOUT A WEEK AGO WITH NO ANNOUNCEMENT; EXACT DATE NOT KNOWN.

2. IN PRACTICE, WE HAVE OBSERVED BLACKS ARE STILL USING "NON-WHITE" WINDOWS AND HAVE BEEN TOLD BY BASOTHO THAT THEY ARE STILL REQUIRED TO USE "NON-WHITE" WINDOWS ALTHOUGH SIGN HAS BEEN REMOVED. (WILL TRY TO CONFIRM THIS POINT.) IN ANY CASE, MOST BASOTHO CROSSING BORDER AT MASERU BRIDGE ARE PROCEEDING TO LADYBRAND, BLOEMFONTEIN, OR OTHER PLACE IN OFS WHERE "WHITE" AND "NON-WHITE" SIGNS ARE STILL VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE, AND EMBASSY'S GUESS IS THAT MOST BASOTHO WILL TAKE JAUNDICED VIEW OF THIS PARTICULAR STEP.

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